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Applicant : Mertin et al.

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COMPRISING ION EXCHANGE RESINS WITH ACTIVE SUBSTANCE LOADING AND PSEUDOPLASTIC GEL-FORMER THICKENERS

Group Art Unit : 1618

Examiner : Paul Dickinson

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2009, Applicants make the following Amendments and remarks. A petition for an extension of time and a request for continued examination are enclosed herewith.

Remarks/Arguments: begin on page 2 of this paper.